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The Chinese Communist government in Peiping has appointed Dr. H. Sheng LU*, vice-president of the Yunnan Consolidated Tim Corporation (YCTC), as mining chief of the Yunnan tin district and LO Chi-tao, who owns mines in Hsiaohokou (105-36, 44-04) and Kochiu (103-05, 23-22), as magistrate of the tin area (sic),

2. Present tin stocks in Yunnan are as follows:

65% +

97-99%

3,500 long tons 550 "

YCTC-refined tin metal

There are also several hundred tons of tungsten (65% 103) in Yunnan.

11 November 1949

The mines are in poor financial shape. YCTC workers have not been paid for the past few months because YCTC cannot trade foreign credits for Yunnan silver dollars, which the workers demand.

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Comment. LU is a member of the mational Lesources Commission (NRC) and one of their representatives to YCTC, 30 percent of which is owned by MRC. Since other MRC personnel have indicated an interest in working with the Jonmunists (that LU has informed the Communists that he will be available for a post , it is possible 25X1A in connection with the Yunnan tin industry.

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